

December 23, 2015

## Utility Projects Update

Below please find an update regarding the status of several utility projects being planned or currently under construction:

**US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Project** – The USACE has included Stanly County’s request for additional federal funding in their 2015 Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development for the 2016-2017 Federal budget year. Once federal funding is secured, the County will have to secure a loan to cover the approximately \$2 million match requirement. A rate increase will be necessary to cover this debt service requirement.

**Badin Water System Rehabilitation** – Phase A (west Badin) is approximately 80% complete. Phase A should be complete by March 2016. The construction bids for Phase B (east Badin) have been received and will be on the Board’s January 4 agenda for action. It is anticipated construction of Phase B will begin in mid to late January.

**Airport Area Sewer Enhancement** – Stanly County recently received NC DENR approval to proceed with final design of the project. The final design and bid package submittal is due to NC DENR in April for review and approval. It is anticipated construction will begin by late spring/early summer.

**Oakboro WWTP & McCoy Creek Pump Station** – Stanly County recently submitted its Engineering Report to NC DENR with approval scheduled for no later than March 2016. The project is funded with a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan.

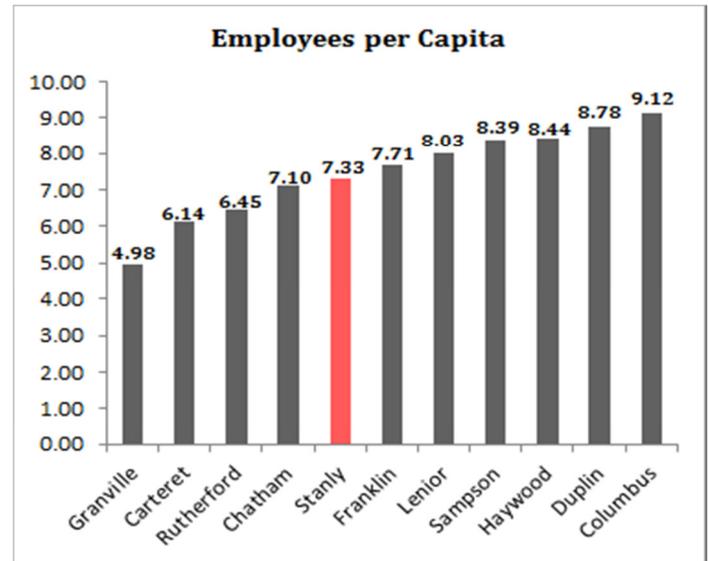
**Palestine Pump Station Replacement (water system)** – The existing water pumping station must be replaced as soon as possible. Preliminary engineering is underway. The project will proceed once funding becomes available.

**Water System Hook Up Grant** – Stanly County applied for a CDBG grant during the fall 2015 cycle to provide water system connections to 100 residences. A funding decision is due in late December. If funded, the grant will target Water & Sewer Authority project areas.

## Employment Efficiency

Employment figures are often scrutinized in an effort to determine the efficiency of government. Below please find an illustration of how Stanly County currently compares to the ten (10) most similarly populated counties in North Carolina. Stanly County’s rate of employees per capita for FY 2015-2016 is currently below the average (7.50 per 1,000) and median (7.71 per 1,000) for the group.

The data for the graph below is based on information contained in each county’s FY 15-16 operating budget. It is important to note some of the counties included in the analysis do not have utility or airport functions. As a result, the total number of county employees can be skewed.



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Christmas Holiday	December 24-25 County Offices Closed
New Year’s Holiday	January 1 County Offices Closed